Sardar Sarovar Hydel Project is coming up as a multi-State project in which Gujarat has a share of 232 MW.

All the X Plan projects are being constantly monitored in the Ministry of Power and also at the State level to ensure their completion well within the X Plan period.

Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs. 5958.49 crores for power sector in the State of Gujarat which includes on-going and new power projects of Gujarat State.

World Bank assistance to rural electrification schemes

873. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation is likely to get financial help from the World Bank for implementing rural electrification schemes in the villages;

(b) if so, whether Power Ministry has held meetings with World Bank officials as well as power equipment suppliers in this regard in August, 2003;

(c) if so, to what extent these schemes will help in achieving the target of electrifying one lakh villages covering one crore households by 2007; and

(d) what are the steps taken for utilizing World Bank funds for rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (b) During discussions with the World Bank on their programme for the power sector, the Bank's involvement in rural electrification has also been envisaged.

Installation of power transformers at athurvala avistapith in Dehradun

874. SHRI P.K. MAHESWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Tehri Hydel Development Corporation has not provided the basic power infrastructure in terms of

adequate number of transformers in the Athurvala Avistapith area (Dehradun) resulting in frequent power breakdowns and extreme voltage flunctions;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Tehri dam displaced people in this area are facing tremendous dfficulties due to high voltage flutuations resulting in damage to electric appliances;

(c) whether Government propose to install adequate number of power transformers in the above area specifically near street No. 8 Athurvala area;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Athoorwala Visthapith Kshetra was established in 1979-80 and basic facilities including electric power was provided to the displaced persons of the Tehri Hydro-Electric Project who were settled here.

The activity of electricity supply for the area is the responsibility of the Uttaranchal State Power Corporation, which is expected to take necessary measures for smooth and uninterrupted power supply.

(b) According to the Government of Uttaranchal, the problems are due to fluctuations, in the area and the provisions need improvement with the passage of time.

(c) to (e) According to the Government of Uttaranchal, the distribution licensee proposes improvements in power supply by installing adeqate number of transformers, LT sub-stations, 11 kv lines and LT lines scheduled upto March, 2004.

Guidelines of the CERC for power sector

875. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has recently announced guidelines and enabling procedures for open access in transmission in the power sector;